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SUBJECT: CERP 4257: ANNUAL REPORT ON PETROLEUM TRADE

REFS: A) 77 STATE A-4906, B) 77 VALLETTA 0354,
- C) CERP 4257

1. AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, OFFICIAL GOM TRADE STATISTICS DO NOT PROVIDE A CATEGORY BY CATEGORY BREAKDOWN, EITHER IN VALUE OR VOLUME TERMS, FOR PETROLEUM IMPORTS/REEXPORTS. THE GOM GROUPS ALL SUCH PRODUCTS UNDER THE SINGLE TITLE "PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND GAS" (SITC 332000) AND INDICATES ONLY THE AGGREGATE VALUE. FOR CY 1977, IMPORTS OF "PETROLEUM PRODUCTS" WERE VALUED AT 16,267,107 MALTA POUNDS (APPROXIMATELY \$41.2 MILLION AT THE YEAREND 1977 EXCHANGE RATE OF LM1.00 EQUALS \$US 2.53). REEXPORTS (BUNKERING) WERE VALUED AT 6,724,217 MALTA POUNDS (\$17.0 MILLION). VIRTUALLY ALL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS REEXPORTS WERE BUNKER FUELS TO SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT.

2. POST EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON MALTA'S PETROLEUM PRODUCT IMPORTS AND REEXPORTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL, AS THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS SUCH INFORMATION TO BE SENSITIVE. WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN UNOFFICIAL
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PETROLEUM STATISTICS FOR CY 1977 FROM RELIABLE NON-GOM SOURCES. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT CY 1977 STATISTICS WOULD BE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO CY 1976 (SEE REF B). WHEN AND IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE WE SHALL TRANSMIT IT TO WASHINGTON.

3. OFFICIAL GOM STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CERTAIN

OTHER OF THE CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE "PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS TRADE" QUESTIONNAIRE ATTACHED TO REF A.

- REEXPORTS REEXPORTS
- COMMODITY UNIT QUANTITY VALUE

9A LUBRICATING OIL LITERS 771,357 LM157,914
9B GREASES KG 2,253 LM 1,014

OTHER THAN THE ABOVE AND THE AGGREGATE TOTAL VALUE OF
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS REEXPORTED REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 1,
GOM TRADE STATISTICS INDICATE NO OTHER 1977 REEXPORTS OF
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTS.

4. GOM STATISTICS ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IMPORTS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

- IMPORTS IMPORTS
- COMMODITY UNIT QUANTITY VALUE

9A LUBRICATING OIL LITRES 3,559,375 LM689,456
9B GREASES KG 200,141 LM 56,799

5. THE REMAINING CATEGORIES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
IMPORTED INTO MALTA IN CY 1977 DO NOT CORRESPOND TO THE
CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN REF A. THESE
GOM CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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- IMPORTS IMPORTS
- COMMODITY UNIT QUANTITY VALUE

A. LUBRICATING PREPARATIONS

- CONTAINING LESS THAN 70
- PETROLEUM PRODUCTS - N/A LM 77,861

B. WAX PETROLEUM,

- CRUDE OR REFINED KG 298,538 LM 42,966

C. OIL, NON- - N/A LM 18,007
- LUBRICATING

D. PITCH COAL TAR KG 345,846 LM 29,981

E. BITUMEN PETROLEUM KG 3,769,365 LM170,965

F. BITUMINOUS MIXTURES

- BASED ON NATURAL
- ASPHALT, BITUMEN
- ETC. - N/A LM 98,162

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